GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the conference organised by the Indian Association of Occupational health, the foreign experts have warned about the professional dangers lurking on India on the lines of industralised countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate a comprehensive law and also to start a National Programme based on the deliberations of the said conference;

(d) if so, by when the policy is likely to be formulated and the programme implemented; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

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The Indian Association of Occupational Health (IAOH) is a professional body consisting of representatives of medical personnel working in industries and research scientists. Every year, a conference is held by the association to exchange their experience as regards occupational health hazards in the industries. According to the General Secretary of the association no warning has been given by the foreign experts about the professional dangers lurking on India on the lines of industrialized countries.

The Government of India has already enacted laws to protect the health of workers in various fields.The most important legislations of relevance are of the Factories Amendments Act 1987, the Mines Act 1952, Dock Workers Act 1986, Plantation Labour Act 1951 and Workmen Compensation Act.

A programme for control and treatment of occupational diseases was also initiated in the 9th Five Year Plan which is being continued in the 10th Plan by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).